

PALO PINTO COUNTY DISTRICT COURT – ATTORNEY FEE SCHEDULE

Compensation of Counsel Appointed to Defend

Counsel appointed to represent indigent defendants in criminal proceedings in the District Court of Palo Pinto County shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted by the District Court as follows, to-wit:

The following schedule of fees for court appointed counsel representing indigent defendants in criminal cases in this court is adopted effective November 1, 2019 in accordance with the provisions of Art. 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure.

A. Fixed Rate

- 1) Court appearance prior to and including day of plea: \$ 125.00
(per appearance)**

- 2) Plea of guilty or true disposing of entire case:**

State Jail Felony / or any MTR/MTA's	\$ 500.00
3rd Degree Felony	\$ 550.00
2nd Degree Felony	\$ 600.00
1st Degree Felony	\$ 650.00
OCA's	\$ 700.00

Add \$300.00 for multiple cases/counts disposed of involving same defendant

- 3) Representation resulting in an order of dismissal of indictment prior to plea, if based on activities of Counsel \$ 250.00**

prior to dismissal indictment or complaint \$ 150.00

- 4) Attorney Withdrawals \$ 250.00**

- 5) Representation in a Motion for Shock Probation \$ 250.00**

- 6) Trial (including open pleas)**
 - a) \$125.00 for each court appearance prior to trial**

 - b) \$100.00 per hour of trial preparation up to maximum of 12 hours with billing statements detailing time expended**

 - c) \$500.00 for each ½ day of trial**

7) Filing Motions for New Trial (without hearing)	\$ 100.00
(with hearing)	\$ 200.00
8) Appeal to Court of Appeals (brief only)	\$1,250.00
(brief & oral argument)	\$1,500.00
9) Appeal to Court of Criminal Appeals (if PDR granted)	\$ 850.00
10) Post-Conviction writ of habeas corpus proceeding	\$ 450.00

B. Hourly Rate

In cases involving rendition of legal services other than those listed above, fees may be computed on an hourly basis for reasonable and necessary time spent by the attorney at an hourly rate of not less than \$60.00 nor more than \$100.00. The attorney requesting payment under this provision shall keep an accurate account of time expended, services rendered, and dates involved, and shall furnish documentation thereof to substantiate the reasonableness and necessity of the services rendered and time spent on the case. Approval or disapproval of the reasonableness and necessity of time expended and/or services performed and the determination of the hourly rate to be applied shall be within the exclusive discretion of the Court, subject to appeal to the Presiding Judge of the Eighth Administrative Judicial District in accordance with the provisions of Art. 26.05(c), C.C.P.